

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No.: 1:06 CR 125-3
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Plaintiff	)	JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
RAFAEL VALDEZ-GOMEZ,	)	<b><u>ORDER ACCEPTING PLEA</u></b>
	)	<b><u>AGREEMENT, JUDGMENT AND</u></b>
	)	<b><u>REFERRAL TO U. S. PROBATION</u></b>
Defendant	)	<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>

This case is before the Court on a Report and Recommendation filed by United States Magistrate Judge Nancy A. Vecchiarelli, regarding the change of plea hearing of Rafael Valdez-Gomez, which was referred to the Magistrate Judge with the consent of the parties.

On May 9, 2006, the government filed a thirty-six count superseding indictment, charging Defendant Rafael Valdez-Gomez, with Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Document Fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371; Structuring Money Transactions and Aiding and Abetting in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2; and Money Laundering and Aiding and Abetting in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and 2. On January 18, 2007, Defendant Valdez-Gomez was arraigned and entered a plea of guilty

before Magistrate Judge Nancy A. Vecchiarelli to counts 3, 16, 20 and 26, of the superseding indictment. Magistrate Judge Vecchiarelli issued a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) concerning whether the plea should be accepted and a finding of guilty on January 18, 2007.

Neither party submitted objections to the Magistrate Judge’s R&R in the ten days after it was issued.

On de novo review of the record, the Magistrate Judge’s R&R is adopted. Defendant Valdez-Gomez is found to be competent to enter a plea and to understand his constitutional rights. He is aware of the charges and of the consequences of entering a plea. There is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court finds the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. The plea agreement is approved.

Therefore, Defendant Valdez-Gomez is adjudged guilty of Counts 3, 16, 20 and 26 of the superseding indictment, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; Title 31 United States Code, Section 5324(a)(3) and (d)(2) and 18 United States Code, Section 2; and Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and 2.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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